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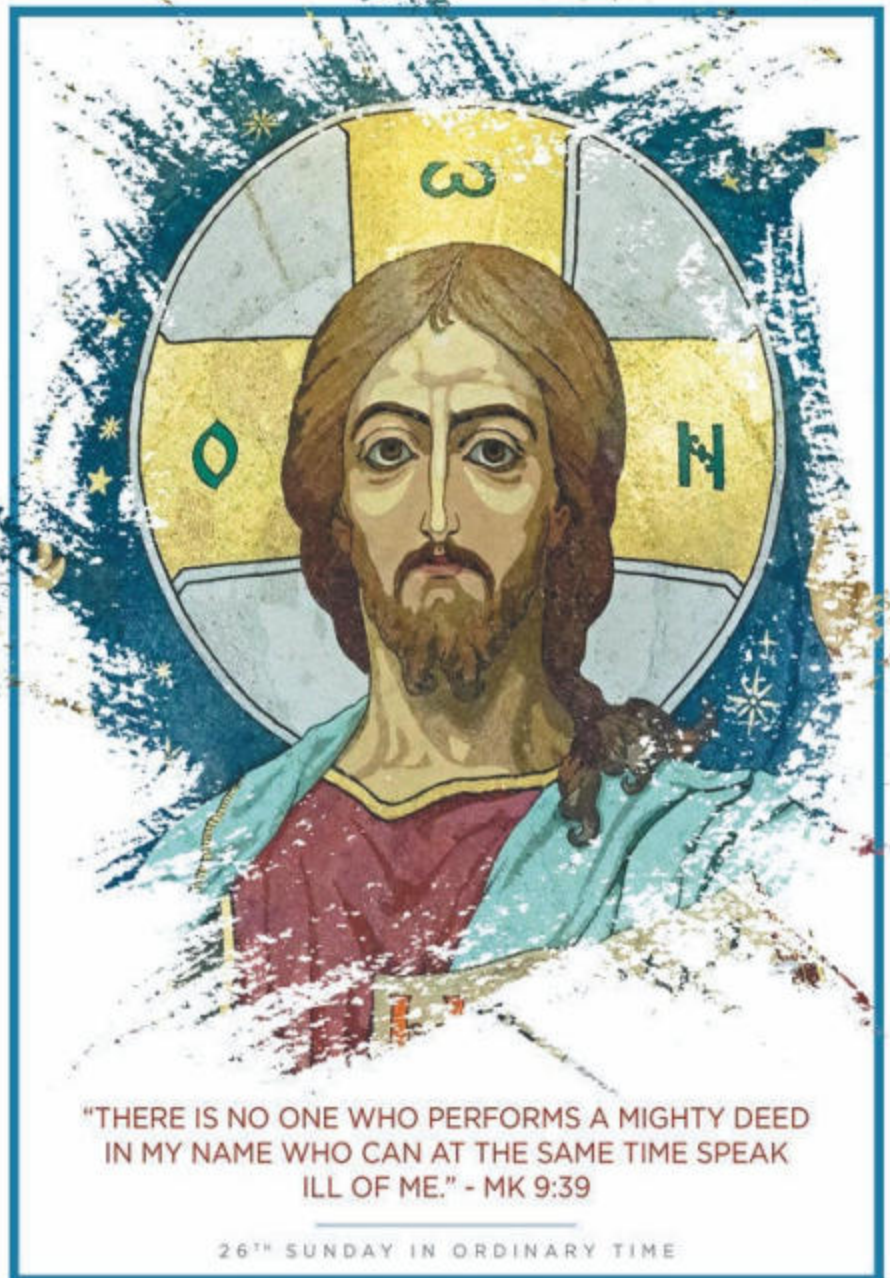
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PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Eucharist 4:30 pm . Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday.
Weekday Mass 9:15 am, Tuesday—Friday
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm or by Appointment



Church of Christ the King

Before I Forget



Wherever kindness and compassion are to be found, there too is the face of God.

Remember that great movie in the 80s, *Pretty Woman*? Julia Roberts plays a beautiful woman of the streets who meets Richard Gere; he's a distant and cold, money-crazy businessperson who hires her.

Slowly, they begin to drop their masks and show their true selves to each other. They discover mutual kindness and respect for each other's quirks and inner qualities. He sees a deeper integrity in her, in spite of her lifestyle that others mock; and she sees his pain and feels compassion. This leads each of them to want a deeper and different life. So both leave behind their destructive former lifestyles to begin a vulnerable, but authentic, life together.

Change happened because of their honesty with each other. When you can't be your sincere self with someone, that's just a surface relationship. Living out of deep honesty is the way to connect to God's presence, which is grace. This is at the heart of everything Jesus teaches.

In this weekend's Gospel, the apostles get jealous because some other healers are casting out demons in Jesus' name. Shouldn't Jesus stop them? But, Jesus knows that the power of God works through authenticity and a sincere heart. "Don't stop them," Jesus says. "Any person who is doing mighty deeds in my name is not against us – they're for us!"

One writer calls this a "broad principle of divine tolerance." Even the smallest kindness done to someone else is a sign that God's grace is being activated and increased in the world. So, the person doing the kindness will be rewarded – even if they don't know exactly who God or Jesus really are.

God can be very broadly tolerant, because only God, who created each person, knows the heart of that person – the motivations for all our choices. We children of God have a much harder time being tolerant with those other children who disagree with us! "Tolerance," of course, doesn't mean wimpy agreement with everyone you meet, as some politicians do it.

No. The way to a holy life is to remove all the barriers to being our authentic selves in the world, and then open ourselves completely to Jesus' guidance. Jesus wants us to see ourselves as one with others - one in the Body of Christ, one in the Spirit of God. So, tolerance means dropping our defensive masks, or any judging or condemning attitude towards others.

Unfortunately, religion itself can be the biggest barrier to oneness. If we get up on our high horses of righteousness and pride about our religion, it destroys all chance of our being one with others. Like the apostles, it's easy to judge that other people are wrong, and we are right; but God sees the whole truth. Remember when various Christian denominations used to compete or condemn each other? Fortunately, since Vatican II, we now have higher levels of understanding and dialogue with each other.

We even dialogue with non-Christian religions today, as we have come to recognize their worship as sincere and authentic. This may be difficult for some to understand if we remember the animosity Catholics had in the past towards Muslims, Buddhists, and even Jews.

This does not mean that we have to embrace or agree with all Buddhist teachings or Muslim opinions; we do not have to attend their services to show goodwill. It does mean that we do not give in to the temptation to condemn others who disagree with our interpretations of scriptures or Jesus' teaching.

The Vatican and the bishops believe that the Holy Spirit is leading Catholics into "sincere dialogue" with Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jews. Benedict XVI wrote, "Through dialogue...and countless small acts of love, understanding and compassion, we can be instruments of peace for the whole human family."

In other words, the works of Christ can be done by people who believe many different things. "If they are doing God's deeds, they are not against us, they are for us." We should not condemn or hurt anyone who is doing Christ's work.

At the end of *Pretty Woman*, Richard Gere, who is deathly afraid of heights, risks climbing a high fire escape to get to Julia Roberts. He asks her, "What happens after the knight rescues the fair maiden?" She replies, "She rescues him right back." Sure, it's Hollywood! **But, God has given each one of us the ability "to rescue each other right back" – with our patience, our listening, and our refusal to condemn anyone.**

Forward together and no one left behind,
Fr. Bill

September 26, 2021 —

CTK NEWS

To everyone involved in making Welcome Back Sunday such a success:

What a welcome we all felt this weekend after being separated for so long! We came back together with coffee, juice, fresh fruit, and fabulous pastries. Plus festive decorations, games, name tags, special liturgy, and memorable music and more! It was just all wonderful. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this happen.

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- We were able to send "extra fruit and pastries" to Catholic Charities Youth Housing and Salvation Army Women's Shelter in Minneapolis.
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IN OTHER NEWS:

\$6,209 were collected for the Haitian Crisis. A donation of \$2,034 was sent for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, who spoke July 24 & 25 on their missionary work **Thank you for your generosity.**

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



CTK Racial Justice Discussion:

The book club discussion of *The Sum of Us* will be this **Sunday, September 26 after the 9:30 Mass**, and will be moderated by Deacon Jim McShane in the parking lot. Refreshments will be available.

The Sum of Us, by Heather McGhee, one of today's most insightful and influential thinkers, offers a powerful exploration of inequality and the lesson that generations of Americans have failed to learn: Racism has a cost for everyone—not just for people of color – it is not a zero sum game. Even if you don't have time to read the book, please consider joining us for this important, eye-opening discussion of the history of racism and how it affects us all.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, September 27

7:00 pm Troop 89

Tuesday, September 28

9:15 am Mass

Wednesday, September 29

9:15 am School Mass

10:00 am Synod Discussion

Thursday, September 30

9:15 am Mass

Friday, October 1

9:15 am Mass

10:00 am Synod Discussion

Saturday, October 2

Food Shelf Weekend

2:00 pm Marriage Renewal

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

Tamales from Ascension

Sunday, October 3

Food Shelf Weekend

9:30 am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word

CTK Prayer Corner

Anna Bertel, Brent Blackey, Marcia Carlson Joanne & Walter Dick, Nancy Dornbach, Gretchen Fitzgerald, Mary Forsman, Chuck Gorman, Mark Goodwin, Mary Ann Hansen, Dan Ivory, Steve Kean, Tomi Kean, Anna Kinney, Mary Koby, Mary Lee, Eleanor Lundberg, Dolores Lutz, Jerry Murtaugh, David Podgorak, Ed & Gae Skager, Lydia Spanier, Pat Urick, Diane Wielinski



We extend our sympathy to our parishioner, Gae Skager, on the passing of her mother, Lois Engerski. Peace and Love be hers forever.

Faith Formation and Discipleship

Christ the King Nursery

For ages 1 through 3



You need nursery care during Sunday Mass for your child who is between the ages of 1 through 3.

Bring your child down to the Nursery, make a name tag for them, label your diaper bag. Register your cell phone number, so that we may call/text you with any emergency.

No visibly sick children are allowed in the nursery (fever, runny nose with colored mucus, diarrhea).

A completed information sheet for each child is needed. Come any Sunday at the 9:30 mass, except Easter and Christmas.

We ask parents who use the nursery on a regular basis to sign up as volunteers at least once a month. The number of volunteers determines how many children we can have (4 children/per adult volunteer). All adult volunteers must complete VIRTUS training.

We are very happy to serve your family in this special way!

Chris Opegard



From Terri Hunt, Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship

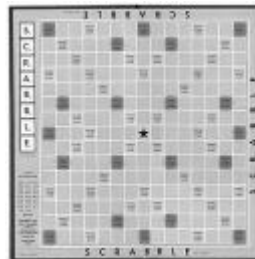
While parents are the first teachers of their children, Christ the King would like to help your children learn about our Catholic faith.

Registration for faith formation and the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation are still being accepted.

Download the registration form from the parish website, www.ckmpls.org. Contact Terri with any questions.

Also:

Terri Hunt is looking for old scrabble game boards (not the plastic boards). If you have one you'd like to donate, please either leave it at the Parish Office or leave it at the Welcome Desk at the back of church. Thank you.



VISIT AND TAMALES FROM ASCENSION



On the **Saturday of our upcoming Food Shelf Weekend, October 2**, parishioners from Ascension Catholic Church will join us at the 4:30 Mass and, after Mass, serve fresh tamales made by Ascension parishioners. They have wanted to show their appreciation to Christ the King parishioners for our long and continued support of the Ascension food shelf and with the relaxation of

the pandemic restrictions leaders of both parishes decided that this was a good time to do so. The tamales will be packaged so that you can take them home if you'd like; if the weather is good we will also have tables set up for you to eat and converse.

If you normally attend 4:30 Mass on Saturday, look forward to meeting our visitors from Ascension. If you normally attend 9:30 on Sunday, consider joining us on Saturday afternoon – particularly if you are a regular contributor to the food shelf. It will be quite enjoyable to greet our North side friends in person, to worship with them and to exchange hospitality. As well as to enjoy some delicious food!

Thank you to all for your continued contributions in support of the Ascension food shelf. On October 2, remember to bring both your food contributions and your appetite!

The Prayer Shawl Knitting (and Crocheting) Group is asking the community for YARN Yarn yarn...they are busy making hats,. Scarves for the upcoming winter months. These will be given to Ascension with our Thanksgiving baskets.

Drop off your yarn at the back table in the Gathering Space. Thanks so much.



Psalm 23 - Shelter Me

Michael Joncas

O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.
O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
All will be well if on - ly you will shel-ter me.

1. Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:
to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.
You gave me rest by quiet springs
and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

2. Yet now I tread a diff'rent way;
Death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.
I cannot find your peaceful place.
But dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.

3. I will look back in days to come
and realize your faithfulness has led me home.
Within your house I'll find my peace,
trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

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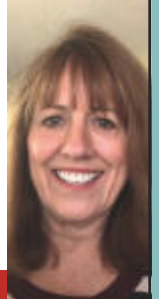
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